



Senate Bill No. 284

Public Act No. 08-46

AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PERSONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO CLIENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall require that each applicant for an employment or volunteer position in the department submit to a state criminal background check, a check of the Department of Children and Families child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k of the general statutes, and a check of the Department of Developmental Services abuse or neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-247b of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes. In addition, the commissioner may require that any applicant for an employment or volunteer position in the department, who has resided outside this state submit to a national criminal background check. No applicant shall be hired or placed in a volunteer position by the department until the results of such checks are available.

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